the constable As they were going, the prentices that had already resorted to the Counter met them, rescued the serving man from the Counter, and brought him back to Cheapside

Whereupon Sir Richard Martin came forth suddenly with such company as he had of his own servants and forthwith he apprehended the serving man again, reprehended the prentices for their so great disorder, took six of the principal offenders, and so by the constable sent them all to the Counter, causing irons to be laid upon them

About an hour afterwards, when all was quiet, the Lord Mayor cometh into Cheapside and commandeth Sir Richard Martin and Sir John Hart to take order for the safe keeping of these prentices On his return, about London Wall, a prentice meeting him will not put off his cap , whereupon he also is sent to the Counter, which is done quietly and without opposition of any

i6thjune THE RIOTOUS PRENTICES

Certain prentices and soldiers or masterless men are said to have met together in Paul's, and there had conf erences, wherein the soldiers said to the prentices, * You know not your strength/ Then the prentices asked the soldiers if they would assist them , and the soldiers answered that they would within an hour after be ready to aid them and be their leader, and that they would play an Irish trick with the Lord Mayor, who should not have his head upon his shoulders within an hour after

The causes of these present inconveniences are said to be the great number of loose and masterless men about the City, pretending to be soldiers , the great dearth of victual, and the remiss care of the magistrates in time to have remedied the same The Lord Mayor also is blamed for his insatiable avarice, for

his selling and converting of offices to his own gain and then suffering those officers to be negligent, and for his refusing to bear or join with his brethren.

ijth June SLIGO TAKEN BY THE REBELS

From Ireland comes news that as Captain George Bingham sat writing in his chamber in Shgo Castle, his ensign, one Burke, and twenty of his men, all Clanncarde men, fell upon him suddenly and slew him.